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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to set up an independent drug authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the objectives thereof;

(d) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(e) the details of functioning and system of selection of the members of the authority?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e): An expert Committee had been constituted under the chairmanship of Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, DG, CSIR and Secretary to the Government of India on drug regulatory issues including the problem of spurious drugs. In its final report submitted in November, 2003, the Committee has recommended the creation of a strong, professionally managed and efficient regulatory mechanism under the Ministry of Health & FW, Govt. of India which may be structured as Central Drug Administration (CDA). The matter is under consideration in this Ministry at present.